

For your final exam you will be asked to answer one question from each of the four standards listed below. Each essay will be worth 25 points. Please see the rubric for the distribution of points.

Understand cause and effect relationships and other historical thinking skills in order to interpret events and issues.

1. Choose two events we have studied this year and explain how they are related, how one could have caused the other, or the impact and effect that one had on the other.
2. Explain what happened during Great Depression from the view point of three of the following:
 - a. Banker
 - b. Farmer
 - c. FDR
 - d. German citizen
3. Evaluate the United States' decision to attempt to stay out of WWII as if you were three of the following:
 - a. FDR
 - b. Isolationist/America First organization=]
 - c. Dr. Seuss
 - d. Hitler

Understand the effects of geographic factors on historical events.

1. Explain the importance of the Monroe Doctrine and Roosevelt Corollary in terms of geography.
2. Using imperialism during the 19th and 20th centuries as a starting point, identify on a timeline some of the key reasons for changes in the world's political boundaries. Include WWI and WWII in your answer.
3. Explain how WWI led to the WWII in Europe.
4. Argue whether or not the United States should follow past government immigration policies to address modern immigration issues. Use specific examples in your answer.

Understand the effect of economic needs and wants on individual and group decisions.

1. Give examples of how economic issues have influenced American societies in the past. How has that impacted our modern society?
2. Explain how technology, new inventions, and new ideas affect the development of political and economic institutions using three of the following examples:
 - a. Reconstruction
 - b. Railroads
 - c. Assembly Line
 - d. Prohibition
 - e. Nuclear Arms

Understand how and why people create, maintain, or change systems of power, authority, and governance.

1. List three ways that a government has created, maintained, or changed a system of power/government and analyze its impact on history and society.
2. How did the United States government change from Abraham Lincoln to Teddy Roosevelt to Woodrow Wilson to FDR? Give at least four examples of how it changed and why.
3. How did the Treaty of Versailles directly or indirectly influence Hitler and Nazi Germany? What might have changed if the United States had agreed to sign the Treaty of Versailles?